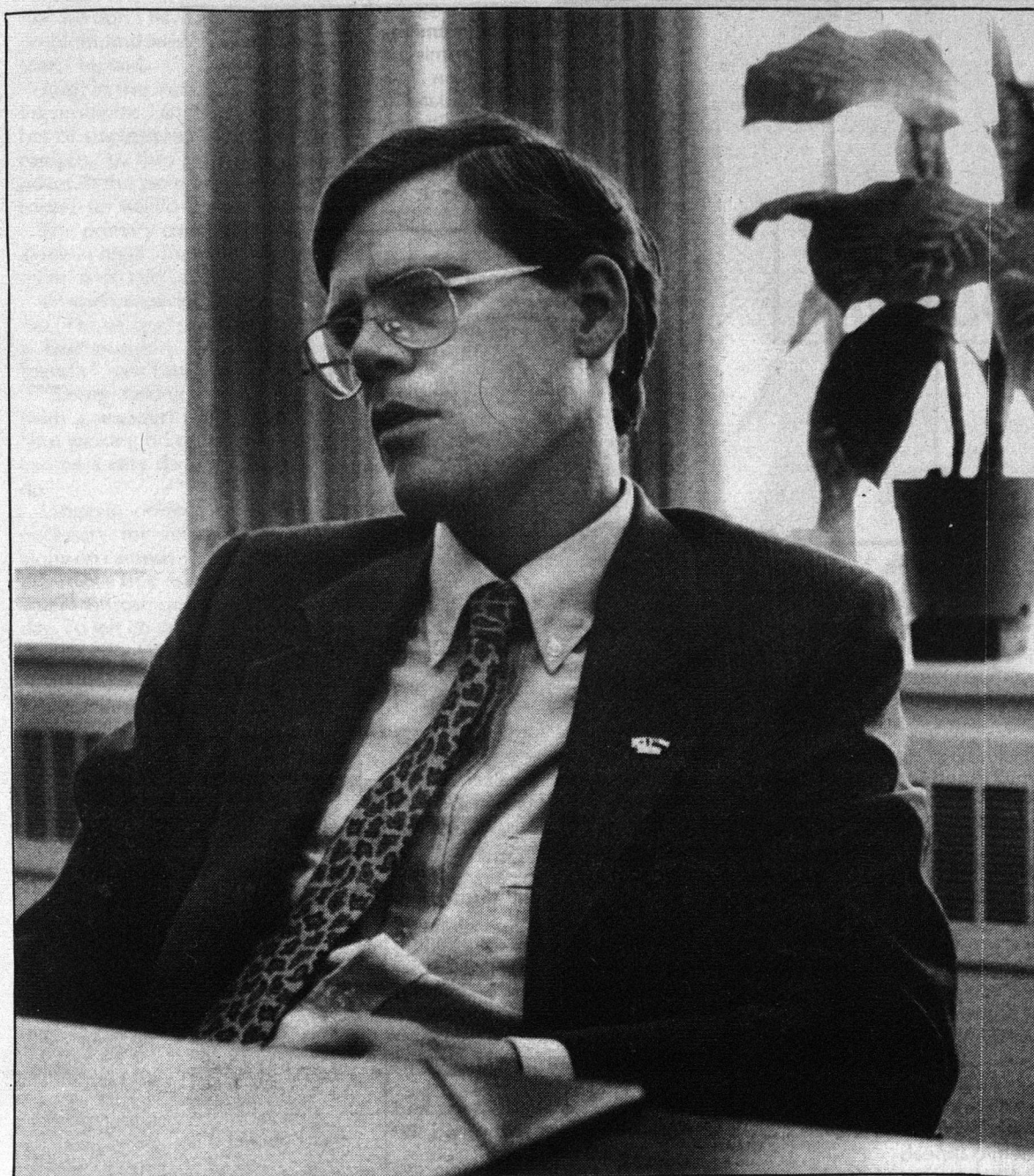


...critic wants decisions



Gerry Gibeault, New Democrat critic for advanced education.

photo Rob Schmidt

by John Watson

New Democrat advanced education critic Gerry Gibeault recently spoke with the Gateway about current issues in post-secondary education.

Top of the list was student loan remission rates as well as the body that administers student loans, the Student Finance Board.

Gibeault felt a straight 45 per cent remission rate being proposed by university student unions was a good idea. (The revised proposal from the student unions of the U of A, U of C, U of L, and Athabasca University is for 40 per cent, not 45).

Gibeault said the flat rate was "moving in the direction of being fairer and easier to administer."

The Student Finance Board is in need of a shake-up as well, according to Gibeault. The loan appeal process takes far too long, he said.

"The appeal process takes four to six weeks," said Gibeault. "Which means students may not get the result of their appeal until mid-December . . . that puts students in a bad way."

While inflation runs between four and five per cent and raises to cabinet ministers are between five and six per cent, the university budget increased this year by 1.4 per cent.

Gibeault said the government is not giving adequate priority to the universities of the province.

"No successful business any-

where operates without a long range plan," said Gibeault. And the University is no different. "They need to have some commitment to multi-year funding."

"We have pressed the government (for long-term funding) during this session." But the government has refused to commit itself.

Gibeault feels the university should fill several roles in society. "There is a role for training, liberal education and a very important role in advancing research in society," he said.

Gibeault feels that universities should provide a liberal education as well as job training.

"Grads should have a broader humanities outlook as opposed to just being people trained for a technological task," he said.

Finally, Gibeault said he saw the advertisements the U of A Students' Union placed in both Edmonton dailies last June. The ads commented on civil rights and their abuse in Alberta. They were placed in response to the Gainers strike and subsequent court injunctions limiting public access to 66 St.

"I thought they were great," said Gibeault. "I commend them for taking that kind of action."

"People feel the university has an insular view of the world — the ads show they have a concern about the broader social situation."

"I hope to see more of it," Gibeault said.

Running for cancer research

by John Watson

Sunday, September 14 is the day Gord Stamp would be pleased to see you (and all of your friends) walk, run, or bicycle 10 km.

Stamp is the Edmonton organizer of the annual Terry Fox Run. The Edmonton run is one of 110 being held throughout Alberta and one of over 1100 being held worldwide.

The run commemorates Terry Fox, the one-legged runner who died of cancer while running across Canada to promote cancer research.

Last year the Edmonton event raised \$51,000.00 for cancer research thanks to about 1,299 participants.

"We're hoping for a few more (people this year) but you never know, it will depend upon the weather," said Stamp.

"All of the money raised goes directly to cancer research," he said. "Everybody involved is volunteering."

The annual run has raised over \$33 million for research in Canada,

\$27 million of which has already been allocated.

"Most of the money, believe it or not, is going right to universities," said Stamp.

Registration for the event starts at 11:00 a.m., September 14. University president Dr. Horowitz will make a speech prior to the official start of the run at noon.

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